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Yugoslav Official Promotes Reconvening of Geneva Conference

Ales Bebler, Tito's personal advisor on the Vietnam situation, who is now in New Delhi, will proceed on to Moscow, Warsaw, London, and possibly Ottawa, in an effort to promote the reconvening of the Geneva Conference on Vietnam, according to the British ambassador in Belgrade. Bebler reportedly told the ambassador that information available to the Yugoslav army indicates that the North Vietnamese will face a tight supply situation at the end of the monsoon season, thus providing a favorable opportunity to begin negotiations. The Yugoslavs apparently regard the Indians' response as crucial, believing that if Premier Gandhi can be persuaded to reconvene the conference, Moscow probably will feel obliged to go along.

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COMMENT: The description Bebler gave to the British ambassador of his mission to New Delhi differs from his earlier proposal that the United Kingdom, the USSR, India, Poland, and Canada hold a new ad hoc meeting to initiate negotiations on Vietnam at the same time that the US indefinitely stops the bombing of the North. Yugoslav relations with Hanoi are still cool, placing the source of Belgrade's military intelligence on Hanoi's capabilities in question.

US-Yugoslav Cooperation in Food Industry Proposed

The Economic Chamber of the Croatian legislature has received a draft protocol and proposal from the International Division of Food Machinery Corporation (FMC) of San Jose, California, for cooperation with Yugoslav enterprises in the food and agricultural industry. The draft protocol covers a wide and substantial area of cooperation including the improvement of production and distribution facilities in Yugoslavia, the organization of Yugoslav agricultural production units, and potential cooperation in third countries.

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COMMENT: If an agreement between FMC and the Yugoslavs is reached--as it appears it will be-- the protocol will undoubtedly be by far the most extensive between an American firm and Yugoslavia, to date. In addition to the present negotiations, several other unspecified Yugoslav enterprises have expressed an eagerness to meet with FMC officials.

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**CORRECTION: Eastern Europe's Status Under The Fino Amendment**

Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Rumania have not been exempted from the provisions of the Fino amendment of the Export-Import Bank Act as reported in the Intelligencer of 15 March. This law forbids the extension of foreign trade credits to any country whose government directly furnishes goods, supplies, military assistance or advisors to North Vietnam. Apparently Yugoslavia does not come within the terms of the law because its limited aid has been channeled through private organizations such as the Yugoslav Red Cross.

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